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APPLICATION

2102-65390

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Louisiana Office of Conservation
P.O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Nodosaria Zone, Reservoir B
Maxie Field
Acadia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **NOBLE ENERGY, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Nodosaria Zone, Reservoir B**, in the **Maxie Field**, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated NOD RB SUA;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate a unit well for the proposed unit;
4. To designate Noble Energy, Inc. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;

5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Nodosaria Zone, Reservoir B, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Nodosaria Zone, Reservoir B by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and
7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Nodosaria Zone, Reservoir B, in the Maxie Field, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 12,115 feet and 12,580 feet, electrical log measurements, in the J.P. Owen - Colan Daigle A No. 1 Well, located in Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 1 East, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

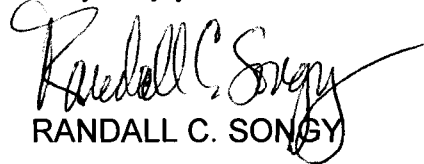
A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, January 6, 2006, at the Onebane Law Firm, 1200 Camellia Blvd., Suite 300, Lafayette, Louisiana, (337)237-2660. A list of the parties who attended the conference is attached hereto. Randall C. Songy, attorney for the applicant, opened the conference with a brief discussion of the Rules of Procedures. Bill Robbins, geological consultant for the applicant, explained the applicant's proposal and the geological, engineering and other bases therefore, and answered questions. There was no counter plans presented. The conference was then adjourned.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting J. Remy Williams with W.H. Robbins and Associates, LLC, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70508, 337-232-5004.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/elg/bad

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties and
Represented Parties

